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1. WE HAVE DONE ADDITIONAL RESEARCH ON AMOUNT OF FEES AND TAXES PAYABLE ON REGISTRATION OF A CONTRACT WITH LIBYAN TAX AUTHORITIES AFTER A MEMBER OF A LOCAL EXPATRIATE ACCOUNTING FIRM ASSERTED TO EMBASSY OFFICER THAT TAX OF 2 PERCENT IS PAYABLE ON CONTRACTS FOR SUPPLY OF GOODS. WE HAVE DISCOVERED AN ASTONISHING VARIETY OF EXPERT OPINION AS TO WHAT IS PAYABLE, BUT BEST SOURCES PLUS ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF RELEVANT LAW INDICATE FOLLOWING ARE CHARGES FOR REGISTRATION OF CONTRACT:

A) ONE PERCENT OF AMOUNT OF CONTRACT;

B) 100 DIRHAMS (\$0.34) PER PAGE OF EACH COPY OF CONTRACT UP TO NINE COPIES:

C) ADDITIONAL MINOR TAX RECKONED ON AN OBSCURE BASIS OF PERHAPS TWO THOUSANDTHS OR THREE THOUSANDTHS OF THE FEE UNDER A) ABOVE, BUT ESSENTIALLY OF NO CONSEQUENCE.

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2. ON BASIS OF ABOVE, REGISTRATION WITH LIBYAN TAX AUTHORITIES OF OSHKOSH CONTRACT WOULD APPEAR TO REQUIRE SLIGHTLY OVER ONE PERCENT OF CONTRACT AMOUNT. IN VIEW OF THE VARIOUS OPINIONS OVER WHAT THE RATE IS, WE ASSUME OSHKOSH WILL HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLAIN COMPONENTS OF ITS ALLOCATION FOR REGISTRATION EXPENSE IF THIS FACTOR IS RELEVANT TO FINAL RESOLUTION OF CASE.

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